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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

9 *In re ROLAND MA*

CASE NO. MC21-0015-JCC

10 MINUTE ORDER
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15 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C.
16 Coughenour, United States District Judge:

17 This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Roland Ma's motion for leave to file a
18 complaint against American Express FSB and Stripe, Inc. (Dkt. No. 31). He claims that
19 American Express charged back his account due to disputed transactions, which caused Stripe to
20 overdraft his bank account. (*See id.* at 2.) Now, Plaintiff seeks to file a complaint, though he
21 recognizes that his relationships with both American Express and Stripe are subject to arbitration
22 agreements. (*Id.*) (*see also id.* at 7–12) (Stripe agreement selecting American Arbitration
23 Association (“AAA”) as administrator). He submits that he demanded arbitration from the AAA,
24 but they refused to administer this dispute because he is subject to the Court’s vexatious litigant
25 order. (*Id.* at 2) (*see also id.* at 6) (AAA letter).

26 Under the Court’s vexatious litigant order (Dkt. No. 1), the Court shall screen “any

1 complaint” Plaintiff proposes in this District for good cause based on certain enumerated criteria.
2 (*Id.* at 3.) Plaintiff must also file a signed statement explaining, claim by claim, any prior actions
3 on those claims. (*Id.*) Plaintiff has not filed a proposed complaint or a signed statement here,
4 therefore the Court cannot evaluate his request under the vexatious litigant order.

5 Accordingly, Plaintiff is ordered to file a proposed complaint and signed statement as
6 explained in the vexatious litigant order (Dkt. No. 1). If so filed, the Court will review the
7 complaint for good cause.

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9 DATED this 9th day of April 2025.

10 Ravi Subramanian
11 Clerk of Court

12 s/Kathleen Albert
13 Deputy Clerk